

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present case in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 12, 14-15, 19-25, and 32-37 are currently pending. Claims 12, 15, 19, and 21-25 have been amended. No new matter has been inserted. Claims 3-5, 16-18 and 26-28 have been canceled, and new claims 32-37 have been added. The amended and newly presented claims conform to the election below.

Response to Restriction and Election Requirements

Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicant(s) hereby elect with traverse the claims of Group III, claims 12 and 14, for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants traverse the Restriction Requirement because it would not be unduly burdensome for the Examiner to search and examine all the claims. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In response to the election requirement, Applicants elect the species SMURF.

Summary

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully requests a Notice of Allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Merchant & Gould P.C.,
Deposit Account No. 13-2725.

Respectfully submitted,

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